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SUBJECT: ITU: 1979 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE

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- 1. DURING WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE ON THE AERONAUTICAL MOBILE (R) SERVICE (AEROWARC), PRESENTLY UNDER WAY AT GENEVA, FOLLOWING MATTERS HAVE BEEN TOUCHED UPON RELATING TO 1979 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE (1979 WARC).
- 2. CEPT MEETING. A. PETTI, HEAD OF ITALIAN DELEGATION TO AEROWARC, ADVISED FOLLOWING RE U.S.-CEPT MEETING LATER THIS YEAR TO DISCUSS WARC 1979 ISSUES. CEPT WILL MEET IN EARLY APRIL TO DEVELOP LIST OF DISCUSSION ITEMS TO BE SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON (EB/TD) FOR CONSIDERATION. IDEA IS NOT TO DO DETAILED WALK-THROUGH OF ALLOCATION TABLE BUT TO HAVE DISCUSSION OF GENERAL NATURE, E.G., PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH INTRODUCING MOBILE SYSTEMS IN UHF TV BAND. PETTI CONSULTING CEPT MEMBERS HERE ON POSSIBLE MEETING DATE AND LOCATION. HE HOPES TO HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECOMMENDATION BEFORE END OF AEROWARC. HE SEEMS TO PREFER MEETING AT ROME IN MAY. IF MAY NOT ACCEPTABLE TO CEPT OR U.S., THEN MEETING WOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW JUNE CCIR PLENARY. IF MEETING HELD IN ROME, WOULD PROVIDE U.S. TEAM OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE DETAILED REVIEW OF U.S. PROPOSALS WITH ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION.

- 3. PAPUA NEW GUINEA. DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSION PNG DELEGATE NOTED CONCERN HIS ADMINISTRATION HAS ABOUT RECEIVING UNWANTED FOREIGN BROADCASTING BEAMED INTO HIS COUNTRY. SITUATION AROSE LAST YEAR WHEN UNNAMED COUNTRY ALLOWED ITS BROADCASTERS TO BEAM PROGRAMS INTO PNG SUPPORTING CAUSE OF INSURGENCY MOVEMENT. PNG DEL SAID HIS ADMINISTRATION WOULD FAVOR "PRIOR CONSENT" TYPE LIMITATION IN RADIO REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT UNWANTED BROADCASTING. HE SAID HE RECOGNIZED SUCH APPROACH WOULD RAISE POLITICAL ASPECTS WHICH WOULD DISRUPT 1979 WARC AND THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION THEREFORE WOULD PROBABLY NOT RAISE POINT. HE THOUGHT HOWEVER THAT THERE ARE PROBABLY NUMEROUS OTHER SMALL COUNTRIES WITH SAME CONCERNS.
- 4. ASEAN GROUP. INDONESIAN DELEGATE SAID THAT ASEAN GROUP DEVELOPED COORDINATED POSITION FOR AEROWARC IN MANILA TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO CONFERENCE. HE SAID ASEAN GROUP CAUCUSING HERE REGULARLY TO CONTINUE COORDINATION BUT HAVE NO FORMAL LEADER AND EACH DELEGATION SPEAKS ON OWN BEHALF TO CONFERENCE ISSUES. IN WARM GREETING, GENERAL CARREON, CHAIRMAN, PHILIPPINE BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS, RECALLED AUGUST 1977 VISIT BY 1979 WARC TEAM TO MANILA AND REITERATED HIS DESIRE AND INSTRUCTIONS TO MRS. MARCELLO TO SUPPORT FULLY U.S. INITIATIVES. VANDEN HEUVEL

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